Claim Amendments

What is claimed is:

1-85 (Canceled).

86. (New). A disposable photometrical micro sensor for determining the concentration of a sample of blood of 0.50 microliters or less, comprising:

a solid micro optical fiber having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end and said second end have substantially the same cross-sectional area;

said first end is mounted with a reagent pad containing all the necessary chemicals and enzymes for a specified analysis and is adapted to receive a sample;

said second end of said micro optical fiber is inserted into a housing of a detection device for emitting and receiving light signals between the first end and the detection device

said detection device comprising

- a light source adapted to emit light through said solid micro optical fiber onto said reagent pad,
- a photo detector adapted to detect reflected light from said reagent pad through said optical fiber in response to said emitted light,
- a processor adapted to convert said reflected light to said analyte concentration,
 - a display adapted to display said analyte concentration;
- wherein said sensor is adapted to calculate said analyte concentration from a sample volume of about .1 microliters to about .5 microliters.
- 87. (New). The sensor of claim 86, wherein said solid micro optical fiber is a single fiber.
- 88. (New) The sensor of claim 86, wherein said solid micro optical fiber is a fiber bundle.
- 89. (New). The sensor of claim 86, wherein said solid micro optical fiber has a diameter of between .01 millimeters to 5.0 millimeters.
- 90. (New). The sensor of claim 86, wherein said solid micro optical fiber is between .1cm and 100cm in length.
- 91. (New). The sensor of claim 86, wherein said reagent pad is a membrane impregnated with dry chemical and enzymes.
- 92. (New). The sensor of claim 86, wherein said reagent pad is a cast membrane.

- 93. (New). The sensor of claim 86, wherein said solid micro optical fiber is made from the group consisting of glass, plastic, or a combination of glass and plastic.
- 94. (New). A disposable photometrical micro sensor for determining the concentration of a sample of blood of 0.50 microliters or less, comprising:

an elongated piece of micro plastic tubing having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end and said second end have substantially the same crosssectional area;

said first end is mounted with a reagent pad containing all the necessary chemicals and enzymes for a specified analysis and is adapted to receive a sample;

said second end is inserted into a housing of a detection device for emitting and receiving light signals between the first end and the detection device said detection device comprising

a light source adapted to emit light through a fiber optic probe onto said reagent pad,

a photo detector adapted to detect reflected light from said reagent pad through said fiber optic probe in response to said emitted light,

a processor adapted to convert said reflected light into said analyte concentration,

a display adapted to display said analyte concentration;

wherein said sensor is adapted to calculate said analyte concentration from a sample volume of about .1 microliters to about .5 microliters.

- 95. (New). The sensor of claim 94, wherein said fiber optic probe is a single fiber.
- 96. (New) The sensor of claim 94, wherein said fiber optic probe is a fiber bundle.
- 97. (New). The sensor of claim 94, wherein said fiber optic probe has a diameter of between .01 millimeters to 5.0 millimeters.
- 98. (New). The sensor of claim 94, wherein said fiber optic probe is between .1 cm and 100 cm in length.
- 99. (New). The sensor of claim 94, wherein said reagent pad is a membrane impregnated with dry chemical and enzymes.
- 100. (New). The sensor of claim 94, wherein said reagent pad is a cast membrane.

- 101. (New). The sensor of claim 94, wherein said fiber optic probe is made from the group consisting of glass, plastic, or a combination of glass and plastic.
- 102. (New) The sensor of claim 94, wherein said housing has a substantial pen shape.
- 103. (New) The sensor of claim 94, wherein said fiber optic probe is adapted to be retractable into said detection device.
- 104. (New) The sensor of claim 103, wherein said fiber optic probe is adapted to assume a first position inside said detection device and a second position at least partially outside said detection device, wherein the fiber optic probe is adapted to receive said micro plastic tubing when in said second position.